

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

3 \_\_\_\_\_ CIVIL ACTION NO.  
4 MDL 864

5 IN RE:

6 DONALD J. TRUMP  
7 SECURITIES LITIGATION,

8 ORAL DEPOSITION OF  
9 MARVIN ROFFMAN

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12 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1991

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15 TRANSCRIPT IN THE ABOVE MATTER TAKEN  
16 AT THE OFFICES OF SCHWARTZMAN & HEPPS, 2033 WALNUT  
17 STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, COMMENCING AT  
18 10:00 A.M.

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20 A P P E A R A N C E S:

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22 BERGER & MONTAGUE, ESQUIRES  
23 BY: TODD S. COLLINS, ESQUIRE  
24 AND  
25 CLAY W. HAMLIN, III, ESQUIRE  
ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFFS

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27 CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTING SERVICES  
28 ARRANGED THROUGH  
29 MASTROIANNI & FORMAROLI, INC.  
30 104 WHITE HORSE PIKE  
31 HADDON HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY 08035  
32 (609) 546-1100

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1 OCCASION TO, AT ANY TIME, LOOK AT THE PROSPECTUS  
2 FOR THAT OFFERING?

3 A. YES.

4 Q. I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT A  
5 DOCUMENT THAT'S BEEN PREVIOUSLY MARKED AS WEBB-2.

6 (OFF-THE-RECORD DISCUSSION)

7 BY MR. COLLINS:

8 Q. HAVE YOU SEEN THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE?

9 A. YES.

10 Q. AND THIS IS, IN FACT, A PROSPECTUS?

11 A. YES.

12 Q. DID YOU LOOK AT THIS DOCUMENT OR A RED  
13 HERRING IN SOME -- AT SOME POINT IN OR PRIOR TO  
14 NOVEMBER, 1988?

15 A. YES.

16 Q. IN NOVEMBER, 1988, DID YOU MAKE ANY  
17 RECOMMENDATIONS TO ANYONE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT IT  
18 WAS A GOOD IDEA TO BUY THESE BONDS?

19 A. YES.

20 Q. AND DID YOU MAKE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS IN  
21 NOVEMBER OF '88 OR BEFORE NOVEMBER OF '88?

22 A. IN 19 -- IN NOVEMBER OF 1988.

23 Q. AND TO WHOM DID YOU MAKE THESE  
24 RECOMMENDATIONS?

25 A. TO THE SALES FORCE OF JANNEY, MONTGOMERY,

1 SCOTT.

2 Q. AND IN WHAT FORM WERE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS?

3 A. THE SPOKEN WORD.

4 Q. WHAT WERE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS?

5 A. AVOID THEM.

6 Q. DID YOU EXPLAIN WHY THESE BONDS SHOULD BE  
7 AVOIDED?

8 A. YES.

9 Q. WHAT DID YOU SAY?

10 A. THEY WERE JUNK BONDS.

~~11 Q. WHAT ELSE DID YOU SAY?~~

12 A. I SAID THAT I FELT THAT IN ORDER FOR THIS  
13 PROPERTY TO BREAK EVEN, IT WOULD HAVE TO GENERATE  
14 A CASINO WIN -- A WIN SUBSTANTIALLY IN EXCESS OF  
15 ANY CASINO WIN EVER, THAT I HAD SERIOUS  
16 RESERVATIONS ABOUT THAT.

17 Q. WHAT DO YOU MEAN SERIOUS RESERVATIONS?

18 A. WELL, WHEN THIS PROPERTY WAS ABOUT TO OPEN,  
19 I WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE ECONOMY.

20 Q. TWO ANSWERS AGO WHEN YOU SAID YOU HAD  
21 SERIOUS RESERVATIONS, DID YOU MEAN THAT YOU DIDN'T  
22 BELIEVE THAT THE CASINO WOULD BREAK EVEN?

23 A. THAT'S CORRECT.

24 Q. DID YOU BELIEVE THAT DEBT SERVICE WOULD BE  
25 COVERED BY CASH FLOW, BY INTERNALLY GENERATED CASH

1 A. I THINK HE WAS WITH RAYMOND JAMES.

2 Q. IN WHAT CITY?

3 A. SAINT PETERSBURG, FLORIDA.

4 Q. DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS NOW?

5 A. NO.

6 Q. VAN LEE, WHERE WAS HE?

7 A. DAN.

8 Q. DAN, EXCUSE ME.

9 A. HE WAS WITH DREXEL BURNHAM.

10 Q. DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS NOW?

11 A. FIRST BOSTON.

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12 Q. AND LEE ISKER, DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE WAS IN

13 1988?

14 A. PAINE WEBBER.

15 Q. DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS NOW?

16 A. WITH A SMALL BOUTIQUE IN SAN FRANCISCO, BUT

17 I CAN'T REMEMBER THE NAME.

18 Q. IS VOGEL STILL WITH MERRILL-LYNCH?

19 A. TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

20 MR. COLLINS: I HAVE NO FURTHER

21 QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME AND I THANK YOU.

22 MR. BRADY: I JUST HAVE A FEW.

23 (EXAMINATION OF MR. ROFFMAN BY MR. BRADY:)

24 Q. HAVE YOU EVER MET A LAWYER NAMED STEWART

25 WEXLER?

ROFFMAN - BRADY

1 A. I'VE TALKED TO HIM.

2 Q. DO YOU RECALL HOW MANY TIMES?

3 A. NO.

4 Q. DO YOU RECALL WHEN?

5 A. DURING 1990.

6 Q. COULD YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU REMEMBER ABOUT  
7 THE CONVERSATION?

8 (OBJECTION) MR. COLLINS: I OBJECT. GO AHEAD.

9 THE WITNESS: HE WANTED TO HAVE ME  
10 READ THE TRUMP TAJ MAHAL PROSPECTUS TO SEE IF I  
11 ~~COULD FIND SOMETHING IN THERE THAT MIGHT BE ABLE~~  
12 TO GET THE PEOPLE WHO WROTE IT IN TROUBLE.

13 BY MR. BRADY:

14 Q. DID YOU AGREE TO DO THAT?

15 A. NO.

16 Q. DID YOU EVER DISCUSS WITH MR. WEXLER ANY  
17 KIND OF CONVERSATIONS YOU HAD WITH DONALD TRUMP?

18 A. I DON'T REMEMBER.

19 Q. DO YOU RECALL IF YOU EVER TOLD MR. WEXLER  
20 YOU WERE BARRED FROM EXPRESSING ANY OPINIONS TO  
21 HIM BECAUSE OF AN AGREEMENT YOU HAD WITH DONALD  
22 TRUMP?

23 A. NO.

24 Q. NO YOU DON'T RECALL THAT OR NO YOU DIDN'T  
25 SAY THAT?